Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended July 19, 2008, there were 514,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during July 2008, a decrease of 6,200 from June 2008 and 6,300 more than the number employed in July 2007.

Agricultural employment was 44,300 persons in July 2008, up 1,800 from the June 2008 level but 3,800 less than the July 2007 agricultural employment level of 48,100. Non-agricultural employment was 470,600 persons in July 2008. This is a decrease of 8,000 from the June 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 478,600 but 10,100 more than July 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2008 was 4.8 percent. This is an increase of 1.4 percentage points from the June 2008 rate of 3.4 percent but 0.0 percentage points higher than the July 2007 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,200 to 540,700 persons in July 2008 from 539,500 persons in June 2008. This is 6,200 more than the July 2007 labour force of 534,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.0 percentage points to 70.4 percent in July 2008 from 70.4 percent in June 2008. The July 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.2 percent.

There were 25,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2008. This is an increase of 7,400 from June 2008 but zero more than the number unemployed in July 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 505,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2008, down 4,000 from the June 2008 level of 509,400 and is up 7,500 from the July 2007 employment level of 497,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2008 was 4.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the June 2008 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the July 2007 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 81,500 persons in July 2008 to 17,417,900 persons from 17,499,400 persons in June 2008. In July 2007, there were 17,214,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage points to 6.3 percent from the June 2008 level of 5.6 percent. In July 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in July 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than June 2008 but 0.1 percentage points higher than the July 2007 level of 6.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	July 2008	June 2008	July 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,588.1	18,543.7	18,352.0	44.4	236.1
Employed ('000)	17,417.9	17,499.4	17,214.7	-81.5	203.2
Full-Time ('000)	14,630.5	14,429.1	14,525.2	201.4	105.3
Part-Time ('000)	2,787.4	3,070.2	2,689.6	-282.8	97.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,170.1	1,044.4	1,137.3	125.7	32.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.6	6.2	0.7	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.2	6.0	-0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.9	69.1	0.1	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	540.7	539.5	534.5	1.2	6.2
Employed ('000)	514.9	521.1	508.6	-6.2	6.3
Full-Time ('000)	441.6	432.6	429.4	9.0	12.2
Part-Time ('000)	73.3	88.5	79.3	-15.2	-6.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.8	18.4	25.8	7.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	3.4	4.8	1.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.0	4.8	0.4	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.4	71.2	0.0	-0.8
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,119.7	2,116.1	2,070.8	3.6	48.9
Employed ('000)	2,039.5	2,056.0	2,000.4	-16.5	39.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,762.2	1,724.2	1,733.3	38.0	28.9
Part-Time ('000)	277.3	331.8	267.2	-54.5	10.1
Unemployed ('000)	80.3	60.0	70.4	20.3	9.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	2.8	3.4	1.0	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	75.7	75.7	75.3	0.0	0.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	642.6	642.8	630.1	-0.2	12.5
Employed ('000)	617.5	620.7	603.1	-3.2	14.4
Full-Time ('000)	516.2	507.3	503.5	8.9	12.7
Part-Time ('000)	101.4	113.4	99.7	-12.0	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	25.0	22.1	27.0	2.9	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.4	4.3	0.5	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.1	4.2	-0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.7	70.1	-0.1	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2008	June 2008	July 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	540.7	539.5	534.5	1.2	6.2
Male	292.4	289.3	290.9	3.1	1.5
Female	248.3	250.2	243.5	-1.9	4.8
15-24 Years of Age	112.5	106.4	111.0	6.1	1.5
25+ Years of age	428.2	433.1	423.5	-4.9	4.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	514.9	521.1	508.6	-6.2	6.3
Male	280.0	279.3	278.7	0.7	1.3
Female	234.9	241.8	230.0	-6.9	4.9
15-24 Years of Age	102.0	100.1	102.2	1.9	-0.2
25+ Years of age	412.9	421.0	406.4	-8.1	6.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	25.8	18.4	25.8	7.4	0.0
Male	12.5	10.0	12.3	2.5	0.2
Female	13.4	8.4	13.6	5.0	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.5	6.3	8.8	4.2	1.7
25+ Years of age	15.4	12.1	17.1	3.3	-1.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.8	3.4	4.8	1.4	0.0
Male	4.3	3.5	4.2	0.8	0.1
Female	5.4	3.4	5.6	2.0	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.3	5.9	7.9	3.4	1.4
25+ Years of age	3.6	2.8	4.0	0.8	-0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.4	70.4	71.2	0.0	-0.8
Male	77.2	76.5	78.5	0.7	-1.3
Female	63.8	64.4	64.0	-0.6	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	80.6	76.3	80.7	4.3	-0.1
25+ Years of age	68.1	69.0	69.0	-0.9	-0.9

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	July 2008	June 2008	July 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.3	42.5	48.1	1.8	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.6	26.6	21.7	-1.0	3.9
Utilities	5.7	5.5	4.3	0.2	1.4
Construction	39.2	35.5	34.7	3.7	4.5
Manufacturing	31.2	31.5	32.9	-0.3	-1.7
Trade	83.2	84.4	80.6	-1.2	2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	23.0	23.9	25.6	-0.9	-2.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.9	28.6	25.5	0.3	3.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.5	20.4	20.7	0.1	-0.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.4	12.3	13.3	-0.9	-1.9
Educational Services	27.2	37.1	32.4	-9.9	-5.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	65.7	65.5	62.3	0.2	3.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.0	22.5	22.7	-0.5	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	34.0	32.8	31.3	1.2	2.7
Other Services	22.9	22.4	23.3	0.5	-0.4
Public Administration	30.1	29.6	29.3	0.5	0.8
Total	514.9	521.1	508.6	-6.2	6.3
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	441.6	432.6	429.4	9.0	12.2
Part-Time	73.3	88.5	79.3	-15.2	-6.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	420.8	428.1	412.1	-7.3	8.7
Public Sector	121.3	130.4	119.6	-9.1	1.7
Private Sector	299.5	297.6	292.5	1.9	7.0
Self-Employed	94.1	93.0	96.5	1.1	-2.4

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2008	June 2008	July 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,417.9	17,499.4	17,214.7	-81.5	203.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	240.1	237.0	236.5	3.1	3.6
Prince Edward Island	74.5	77.2	73.6	-2.7	0.9
Nova Scotia	469.9	469.5	457.6	0.4	12.3
New Brunswick	382.4	381.3	380.1	1.1	2.3
Quebec	3,970.9	3,984.3	3,978.8	-13.4	-7.9
Ontario	6,758.2	6,797.4	6,688.3	-39.2	69.9
Manitoba	617.5	620.7	603.1	-3.2	14.4
Saskatchewan	514.9	521.1	508.6	-6.2	6.3
Alberta	2,039.5	2,056.0	2,000.4	-16.5	39.1
British Columbia	2,350.1	2,354.9	2,287.6	-4.8	62.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.3	5.6	6.2	0.7	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.2	11.0	11.0	0.2	0.2
Prince Edward Island	9.3	6.4	9.0	2.9	0.3
Nova Scotia	6.5	6.6	8.5	-0.1	-2.0
New Brunswick	8.5	8.1	7.1	0.4	1.4
Quebec	6.8	6.3	6.4	0.5	0.4
Ontario	7.2	6.5	7.3	0.7	-0.1
Manitoba	3.9	3.4	4.3	0.5	-0.4
Saskatchewan	4.8	3.4	4.8	1.4	0.0
Alberta	3.8	2.8	3.4	1.0	0.4
British Columbia	4.8	4.1	4.4	0.7	0.4

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May-Jul 2008	Apr-Jun 2008	May-Jul 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.0	8.4	6.8	-0.4	1.2
Halifax	5.8	5.6	6.3	0.2	-0.5
Saint John	6.8	6.6	5.4	0.2	1.4
Quebec	4.4	4.7	4.1	-0.3	0.3
Montreal	7.2	7.3	6.5	-0.1	0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
Greater Sudbury	5.2	5.5	6.3	-0.3	-1.1
Toronto	7.6	6.8	7.5	0.8	0.1
Winnipeg	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Regina	3.7	4.0	6.0	-0.3	-2.3
Saskatoon	4.5	4.0	4.3	0.5	0.2
Calgary	3.3	3.0	3.3	0.3	0.0
Edmonton	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2
Vancouver	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.1	0.1
Victoria	3.3	2.8	3.4	0.5	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.9	154.6	148.2	1.3	7.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.4	54.2	54.6	0.2	-0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	170.2	168.4	167.4	1.8	2.8
Yorkton-Melville	38.5	38.5	42.9	0.0	-4.4
Prince Albert & Northern	98.8	98.2	96.0	0.6	2.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May-Jul 2008	Apr-Jun 2008	May-Jul 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	538.4	533.9	531.4	4.5	7.0
Employed ('000)	516.0	512.3	507.9	3.7	8.1
Unemployed ('000)	22.4	21.6	23.4	0.8	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.8	70.8	0.4	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	66.9	67.7	0.4	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	499.8	496.2	491.7	3.6	8.1
Employed ('000)	483.1	480.0	474.1	3.1	9.0
Unemployed ('000)	16.8	16.2	17.6	0.6	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.3	3.6	0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	70.5	71.2	0.3	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	68.5	68.2	68.7	0.3	-0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	38.6	37.7	39.6	0.9	-1.0
Employed ('000)	32.9	32.3	33.8	0.6	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.4	5.8	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.7	14.4	14.6	0.3	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	63.0	61.8	66.3	1.2	-3.3
Employment Rate (%)	53.8	52.9	56.6	0.9	-2.8
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.8	16.2	16.5	0.6	0.3
Employed ('000)	13.5	12.9	13.0	0.6	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.4	20.2	21.1	-0.8	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	60.7	58.7	60.8	2.0	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	48.9	46.9	48.0	2.0	0.9
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Labour Force ('000)	21.6	21.4	23.1	0.2	-1.5
Employed ('000)	19.2	19.3	20.7	-0.1	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.2	2.3	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	10.1	10.1	1.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.3	70.8	0.5	-6.0
Employment Rate (%)	57.6	57.8	63.7	-0.2	-6.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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